

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 10-22 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 7-9 being canceled, Claims 1-4, 6, 10-12, 14, 15, 17, and 19-21 being amended, and new Claim 22 being added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the patents, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to Claims 6, 11 and 21 for reasons of informalities. Applicants have amended the claims and respectfully submit the amended claims comply with all formal requirements.

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to further clarify the claimed invention, and respectfully submit that Claim 1 is compliant with 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore (U.S. patent no. 6,377,210). This rejection is moot in view of the amendments to the claims as explained further below.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 8, 10, and 15-20 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended the claims by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 8 into Claim 1, and rewritten Claims 10, 15, and 17 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. All other claims are ultimately dependent from one of the independent claims containing subject matter indicated as allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes it would further advance the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record with any questions the Examiner may have regarding this communication.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 513162000600. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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